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**RE: SUBMISSION SPECIFICATION UPDATE FOR HOSPITAL INPATIENT,
OBSERVATION & ED DISCHARGE DATA**

Dear Case Mix Contact,

This letter is to inform you about a change in the reporting value for the *Condition Present on Admission Indicator (POA)* for exempt diagnosis codes only.

The current reporting requirement for exempt POA reporting or "Not Applicable" ICD-9-CM codes for Condition Present on Admission, Visit or Observation, is an "A" value or "blank" value.

Exempt POA "Not Applicable" edits been modified to allow values of either an "E" value or "1" value. This change recognizes the interface issues between software products that have been reported by several hospitals. This update applies to inpatient, observation and ED data.

The complete updated reporting values for POA include the following:

Condition Present on Admission, Observation or Visit Code	Condition Present on Admission, Observation or Visit Description
Y	Yes
N	No
U	Unknown
W	Clinically Undetermined
Blank field or "A" or "E" or "1"	Not Applicable (valid for NCHS official published list of not applicable ICD-9-CM codes for POA flag)

The Division expects to implement this change by the end of December. Any FY2007 Q3 or Q4 files that were previously submitted will be rerun by the Division once the modification is complete.

Looking ahead, we expect to condense the POA exempt value range to a single nationally-accepted value as soon as national standards have accomplished this merge. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 617-988-3146 or by e-mail at Judy.Parlato@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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